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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.8 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

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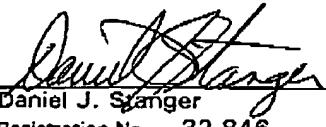
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 6, 2005,
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